UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS BEAUMONT DIVISION

ERIC EVANS,

Plaintiff,

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CASE NO. 1:25-cv-00094

JUDGE MICHAEL J. TRUNCALE

BlofinTYU, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

Before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion for Alternate Service. [Dkt. 7]. For the reasons that follow, the Court finds that the Motion should be **GRANTED**.

Plaintiff alleges that the Defendants have concealed their physical locations and use blockchain technology and the internet to perpetrate "pig butchering" investment scams and argues that service on them by electronic means is therefore appropriate. Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(3), a district court may authorize service on a party outside of the United States by "other means not prohibited in international agreement." Accordingly, service under Rule 4(f)(3) is appropriate when alternate service is (1) not prohibited by international agreement, (2) directed by the court, and (3) reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings. Viahart, L.L.C. v. GangPeng, No. 21-40166, 2022 WL 445161, at *3 (5th Cir. Feb. 14, 2022). Where Defendants' physical addresses are unknown, alternate

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service is not prohibited by the Hague Service Convention. Mycoskie, LLC v. 1688best, No. 18-CV-60925-KMM, 2018 WL 4775643, at *1 (S.D. Fla. July 2, 2018) ("Article 1 of the Hague Service Convention provides that '[t]his Convention shall not apply where the address of the person to be served with the document is not known."). Additionally, in this case, alternate service via the methods requested in Plaintiff's Motion comports with due process. Many courts, including this Court, have held that service directed to the same channels that defendants used in carrying out an alleged fraud is reasonably calculated to notify those defendants of the case. See Harris v. Upwintrade, 2025 WL 1485335, **2-3 (E.D. Tex. January 14, 2025).

For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs' motion for leave to serve the Complaint and Summons is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall serve the Summons and Complaint on the defendants listed below electronically via the specified means and file proofs of service.

| Defendant | Method |
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| Aubree Hanson | Telegram |
| BlofinTYU | NFT Transfer to Receiving Addresses |

SIGNED this 18th day of June, 2025.

United States District Judge